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Letter dated 16 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the aggressive joint military exercises called Key Resolve and Foal Eagle 16, which are now being conducted by the United States and south Korea against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The US-led joint military exercises are the largest-ever in size and scope, mobilizing massive armed forces and all kinds of strategic nuclear weapons, such as an aircraft carrier, nuclear submarines and stealth bombers. These real war-like military manoeuvres are also truly aggressive in their nature, characterized by a "beheading operatio " aimed to remove the supreme leadership of the DPRK and "bring down its social system" pursuant to the US-drafted war scenario entitled Operations Plan (OPLAN) 5015.

The US-south Korea joint military exercises constitute a grave threat to the DPRK as well as international peace and security and deserve urgent consideration by the Security Council.

Therefore, I request that the issue of the US joint military exercises be placed on the Security Council agenda and that a meeting of the Council be urgently held in accordance with Articles 34 and 35 of the Charter of the United Nations.

I would like to recall that the Security Council has unjustifiably ignored several requests by the DPRK to place the issue of the US joint military exercises on the agenda of the Council.

The Security Council should accept the DPRK request in order to consider the issues truly related to maintaining international peace and security, such as the US-south Korea aggressive joint military exercises, rather than dealing with the DPRK so-called "human rights situation", which has nothing to do with international peace and security, thereby practically contributing to maintaining international peace and security by removing the root cause of tensions and war on the Korean Peninsula.

Should the Security Council again ignore the DPRK just request to discuss the US joint military exercises, it will show itself that it is not only giving up its primary mission of maintaining international peace and security and losing the credibility of the international community, but also becoming the political tool of an individual power.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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